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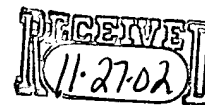
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Ms. Christine Orich in the teleconference of November 27, 2002 regarding this application.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002, Applicants note that the Preliminary Amendment filed November 13, 2001 has not been acknowledged by the Examiner.

The papers enclosed herewith are complete and accurate copies of the Preliminary Amendment and return postcard that were submitted in the above-referenced application on November 13, 2001 and dated January 2, 2002 by the Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants respectfully request that the November 19, 2002 Office Action be withdrawn and a new Office Action be issued in consideration of the November 13, 2001 Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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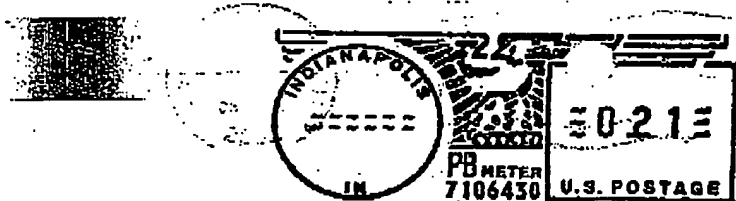
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above identified application, Applicant respectfully
requests entry of the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1.

Please add new claims 31-52 as follows:

31. A patient control unit including

a housing;

a first switch mounted to the housing having a first terminal coupled to a first conductor;

and a second terminal coupled to a reference voltage; and

a self-test switch mounted to the housing having a first terminal coupled to a test
conductor and a second terminal coupled to the first conductor;

wherein the self-test switch actuates in response to a test signal provided on the test
conductor by a remote circuit thereby verifying continuity from the first switch first terminal to